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## Dean's Note by Terry Donat

As we begin the year with our first newsletter of 2019, it is my hope that everyone had a wonderful and joyous holiday season. I am looking forward to this year and the many opportunities ahead to celebrate the organ and organ playing.

The year began with one of the most successful Pedals, Pipes and Pizza program in our chapter's history. Many thanks to Priscilla Acuff for organizing and coordinating this program designed to acquaint young music students to the organ and its music.

There were 53 students who participated, with approximately 120-150 people in attendance. In addition to Priscilla, I would like to thank Yun Kim for her class on pipes, Matt Hunt and crew for their work with the organ, (the pipe chambers were pristine) and Dick Krewson and the Masonic Center for their wonderful hospitality. I also very much appreciate the help from many AGO members in assisting with student registration, preparing and setting up the pizza lunch, and many other duties that helped the program run so smoothly.

I am very excited for our next event. Dayton's own Grant Wareham will be presenting a recital at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Sunday February 17th, 2019 at 4:00 P.M. Grant has come very far in his academic and music studies. Grant is currently pursuing his Masters of Music degree at Yale University with Thomas Murray and is also serving as Organ Scholar at Christ's Church in New Haven. Grant is dedicating his recital in loving memory of Jerry Taylor, his first organ teacher. After the recital, many of us will gather at Troll Pub, 216 Wayne Ave. Dayton, OH (across from the old St. Paul's Lutheran Church). I would like to get a head-count for the restaurant, so if you are planning to attend dinner, please let me know. Phone or Text (937) 478-2634 or e-mail, [terrydonat@gmail.com](mailto:terrydonat@gmail.com).

More to come.....

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**EXTRA! EXTRA!**  
**COMING NEXT ISSUE!**

If you have an announcement for an upcoming program or event, send it to Matt Dierking at [matt.dierking@agodayton.org](mailto:matt.dierking@agodayton.org) and we will add it to the next Trumpetings, the Dayton Chapter website and Facebook page.

Also, you are more than welcome to write articles to appear in Trumpetings. Send your articles and pictures to Matt and he'll make sure they get in. The articles can be on a wide variety of topics that would be of interest to the chapter.

## Priscilla Acuff's 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Pedals, Pipes and Pizza

The Dayton AGO led by Priscilla Acuff completed its 8th biennial Pedals, Pipes, and Pizza on Saturday February 2nd at the Dayton Masonic Center. 53 students participated, and many parents, grandparents and other adults came to watch.

The event began with Priscilla Acuff playing the four manual, 59 rank E. M. Skinner pipe organ. She played selections of different styles and concluded with Andrew Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera music. The phantom, played by Dan Acuff, did make an appearance.



A video produced by the American Guild of Organists titled Close Encounters was shown. It described the opportunities and experiences of the "Pipe Organ Encounters" offered to older youth during the summers.

This was followed by three different activities. Students attended a pipe organ science class lead by Dr. Yun Kim, participated in an organ crawl led by Dick Krewson and Matt Hunt, and best of all got to play a piece on the big E M Skinner organ in the auditorium.

The event concluded with pizza for Lunch. As a memento of the PPP, students were given a pipe organ stop key chain made by Dick Krewson. They also received a delicious "pipe" - a pretzel rod dipped in chocolate covered with colorful sprinkles made by Priscilla Acuff and her sister, Marty Piatt.





After the PPP officially concluded, some youth and adults took a tour of the Masonic Center including its many astounding lodges and pipe organs. Some of the other young potential organists stayed and played the auditorium organ or the 3rd floor organ. The students enjoyed playing the big organs so much that the last students did not leave until 2:50.

Thanks to Dayton AGO members: Yun Kim, Jeanne Schierloh, Ellen Bagley, Effie Sue Kemerley, Judy Bede, Mary Ellen Clinard, Danielle Guilbault, Tom Aldridge, Terry Donat, Dick Krewson as well as our chapter friends Matt Hunt, Austin Baker, Barb Krewson and Dan Acuff who all helped to make the PPP a success. According to Priscilla, "All in all, it was a very good day!"



Priscilla received numerous emails praising the PPP. **If the goal of the PPP was to expose the community to the pipe organ and inspire young potential organ students, then base on these three emails, MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!**

*I just wanted to say thank you for putting together the pipe organ event this past Saturday. Brandon and even his little brother, Noah, really enjoyed seeing and playing a real pipe organ. I must confess, it was the first time I have ever seen or heard a pipe organ in person. TV & videos do not do it justice. It is an instrument which needs to be experienced in person to be appreciated. We hope to attend any future events you may put together or know of. Thank you again for your generosity in taking time to share this experience with us! Take care & hope to see you again at a future event! ...Daniel Doolan*



*Thank you for an amazing presentation yesterday! We really enjoyed your playing, all the information, and my son is now intrigued about possible future organ playing. We are grateful we had the opportunity to attend. ...Karen Ostrowski*

*Thank you for a very enjoyable day last Saturday. My granddaughter, Tiara Coppock, enjoyed it very much and so did I. There are some very talented young boys and girls out there. Some sounded as though they have played pipe organs for years. ...Don Coppock.*

**Organ Recital: Grant Wareham**  
**Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm**  
**Westminster Presbyterian Church      Host: John Neely**  
**5 North Wilkinson St, Dayton, OH**



**Grant Wareham is headed for great things.** Our late Dean, Jerry Taylor, began teaching Grant in 2007 as a beginner who dangled his feet over the pedals. We've followed his progress as an Organ Academy student, Dayton AGO scholarship recipient and then as a recent graduate of Rice University's Shepherd School of Music where his primary teacher was Ken Cowan. Winner of both the First and Audience Prizes at the Albert Schweitzer Organ Competition in Hartford, CT, in 2017, Grant was also a featured performer at the 62<sup>nd</sup> annual convention of the Organ Historical Society in St. Paul, MN. Grant is currently pursuing his Master of Music degree with Thomas Murray at the Yale University Institute of Sacred Music and School of Music. He also serves as Organ Scholar at Christ Church in New Haven.

**We will gather for dinner after the program at Troll Pub, 216 Wayne Ave. Dayton OH. (Across from the old St. Paul Lutheran Church). We have reserved the Bookcase Room. If you plan to join us, please let Terry Donat know. Call or Text: (937) 478-2634, or E-mail: [terrydonat@gmail.com](mailto:terrydonat@gmail.com).**

**Grant's recital is dedicated to the memory of Jerry Taylor.**

## Upcoming Area Events

### **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Afternoon Organ Music on the Dayton Art Institute's Skinner, 1:00-2:00 pm**

The 1929 Skinner organ has been repaired and is ready to go. Matt Dierking is coordinating volunteer organists to play informal programs on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month. These are very informal where museum patrons come in and out and are encouraged to talk to the organists. Matt has been playing regularly. Terry Fryman, Carolyn Rlpp and Mary Ellen Clinard have also played. If you would like to play, contact Matt Dierking:

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## OUR DAYTON AGO 2019 PROGRAMS

### **Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 3:00 P.M. Organ Improvisation Workshop**

Location: St. Charles Borromeo Church  
4500 Ackerman Blvd. Kettering Ohio

Lead by Dr. Richard Fitzgerald,  
Organist/Director of Music,  
St Joseph's Cathedral, Columbus OH.

Host: Terry Donat & Christian Cosas

We will gather for dinner at a local restaurant after the program

### **Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019. 4:00 P.M. Dayton Organ Academy Student Recital & Installation of AGO Officers**

Location: North Riverdale Lutheran Church  
45 Kurtz Ave. Dayton, OH 45405

Host: Rachel Lammi

A Reception will follow the program



## Need a Sub?

Need a sub? You can find people willing to substitute in the directory, but here are some Chapter Members that are looking for sub work. If you would like your name published on this list, send an Email to Matt Dierking ([matt.dierking@agodayton.org](mailto:matt.dierking@agodayton.org)). Please indicate if you would like your name and contact information listed in the Trumpetings, on the Chapter website or both. Here are members willing to sub:

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I have been playing the organ for about 6 years now. I have played weddings and funerals along with Catholic Masses and Vigils along with many other Protestant Worship services in almost every denomination. I am currently a freshman at Wright State University and would love to get more experience around this area! I look forward to meeting many more of you!! A 521718

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I am a Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music student available to substitute as a church organist or pianist for jobs including worship service, Mass, funerals and weddings. I can sing and cantor solo or with a choir (which I can conduct). While I specialize in Catholic Church services, I can play music for other denominations. I am willing to travel in the greater Cincinnati/Dayton/Springfield area.

## Visit the Dayton AGO Music Library

The Dayton Chapter has a growing music "library" that is currently housed at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. The library is primarily composed of organ literature, but has piano works, choral music and method books as well. The music is arranged by composer for much of the work but also has groups organized by holiday, collections, anthology, wedding music, sheet music and lots of monthly's like the Organ Portfolio.

The library is open to everyone. Just stop in and peruse the music. Take what you would like to use and leave a donation. We highly encourage teachers (and students) to use the library. There is a lot of the standard literature for study spanning all levels of difficulty.

To access the library, visit Westminster on a weekday. Enter through the Office door on the east side of the church and let the administrator know you would like to go up and review music in the AGO library. It is on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor in room 301.





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